

Music in This Morning's Worship Service

I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also. (1 Corinthians 14:15)

This Morning's Hymns:

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art is attributed to John Calvin who may have adapted it from the Roman Catholic "Salve Regina" – changing its address from the Virgin Mary to Jesus. Like this morning's scripture lessons, the hymn speaks of God's ceaseless concern and abundant grace toward us. The first two stanzas acknowledge that God is sovereign and has chosen to redeem us through Jesus Christ. Stanzas three and four remind us that Jesus modeled for us a life clothed with *compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience* and grace. The hymn concludes with a homecoming prayer for the divine peace and unity which calls us into a family of faith.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, like John Newton's more famous *Amazing Grace*, is a hymn about divine grace and providence. In the midst of living a dissolute youth, the hymn's author, Robert Robinson, experienced intense spiritual awakening, eventually entering the ministry. The hymn makes direct reference to this experience.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the Fold of God...
Oh, to grace how great a debtor,
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.

The second stanza's verse, "Here I raise my Ebenezer" is a reference to 1 Samuel 7:12 in which the term is defined. In the passage, Samuel acknowledges and gives thanks for God's care and nurture, expressing his full reliance upon God:

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...
and named it Ebenezer; for he said,
"Thus far the Lord has helped us."

Lift High the Cross exhorts Christians to lift up the cross as a symbol of the love of Jesus. The cross represents Christ's willingness to complete his redemptive role, even unto death. Stanley L. Osborne observes, the text's "images are biblical, its moods expectant, its promises courageous, and its demands costly." As a symbol of Jesus' sacrificial life, the cross challenges every believer to live a Christ-like life. We are to live as agents of God's grace and redemption in a fractured world.

Today's Anthem

The Trumpeters and Singers Were As One

Text: II Chronicles 5:13

Music: Robert Powell

The trumpeters and singers were as one,
to make one sound to be heard
in praising and thanking the Lord.
They lifted up their voice,
with the trumpets and cymbals
and instruments of music:
"For God is good;
His mercy endureth forever."

This Week at First Presbyterian

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Childcare
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade and Picnic
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

Monday, September 13

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 p.m. Choir Officers Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. Computer Tech Team Meeting

5:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 14

7:00 a.m. Renovare
8:30 a.m. Staff Devotional Meeting
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team Meeting

4:00 p.m. Carriage Town Ministry Board
6:30 p.m. Mawby Chorale
6:30 p.m. Deacon's Team Meeting
7:00 p.m. Concert for College & Career

Wednesday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Renovare
10:00 a.m. Program Staff Meeting
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
4:00 p.m. Grief Support
4:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Snack Gathering
4:45 p.m. Choir School Registration
5:00 p.m. Cantus Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Gerholz Team Meeting
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Evenings at First Dinner
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Singers Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Wednesdays at First Program Childcare
6:15 p.m. Young Ladies Small Group
6:30 p.m. Bee Helpful K-6
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service

Thursday, September 16

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club
6:00 p.m. Kitchen Ministry Task Force Meeting

6:00 p.m. Flint Scottish Pipe Band
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, September 17

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

6:00 p.m. Otto/Ham Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. New Century Chorale Retreat

3:30 p.m. Otto/Ham Wedding

Ministers,
Members of First Presbyterian Church
Senior Pastor,
John L. Musgrave
Associate Pastor,
Paul Ytterrock
Commissioned Lay Pastor,
Steve Baillie
Director of Business Administration,
James B. Hagan
Director of Children's Ministry,
Jaime Powell
Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,
Andy Armstrong
Director of Music and Fine Arts,
Mark Riddles

Director of Women's Ministry,
Kim Skaff
Director of Youth Ministry,
Jim Pope
Community Ministry,
Lisa Horne
Congregational Care Specialist,
Lee Doll
Gerholz Staff Counselor,
Jerry Walden
Parish Nurse,
Frankie Bonner
Organist,
Carl Angelo

First Presbyterian Church of Flint



*Engaged by Christ's love to invite,
worship, nurture and serve.*

*As the hound follows the hare,
never ceasing in its running,
ever drawing nearer in the chase,
with unhurrying and unperturbed pace,
so does God follow the fleeing soul
by His Divine grace.
And though in sin or in human love,
away from God it seeks to hide itself,
Divine grace follows after,
unwearyingly follows ever after,
till the soul feels its pressure
forcing it to turn to Him alone
in that never ending pursuit.*

~ The Neumann Press *Book of Verse*, 1988

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 12, 2010 9:30 a.m.

The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gathering of the People of God

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

Call to Meditation and Preparation

John L. Musgrave

Prelude

Canzon septimi toni No. 2
First Brass and Organ

G. Gabrieli

Acolyte: David Burkhardt, 7th Grade

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Matt and Tim Mignault

*Call to Worship

Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall declare your praise.

*Hymn 457

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

Searching God,
you come for us like a shepherd searching for lost sheep.
We hide and we run,
sometimes knowing we have strayed,
other times completely unaware that we are on the wrong path.
Regardless, you come after us.
With love and compassion and mercy you come after us.
So we make our confession with hope
that you might find us again,
and wipe away our sin,
and return us to your fold.
We pray in the name of the Good Shepherd,
Jesus Christ.
Amen. (Silent Confession)

Kyrie (Congregation and Choir)



Lord, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace:

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

†Late arrivals may be seated

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Peggy Anderson

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 (Pew Bibles pgs. 660 & 661 O.T.)

Psalm 14



O, that sal - va - tion would come from Zi - on!

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Pew Bibles pg. 196 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

Paul Ytterock

*Hymn 356

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10 (Pew Bibles pg. 73 N.T.)

Anthem

Psalm 150
The Chancel Choir

Pinkham

Sermon

The Hound of Heaven

John L. Musgrave

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cruci-
fied, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*Passing of the Peace of God

(You may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing.)

*Offertory Sentence

*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem

The Trumpeters and Singers Were As One

Powell

Invitation

Concerns of the Week

Those hospitalized this past week: Barbara Arndt, Doris Eastman and
John Murphy

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and
those distressed by natural and human disasters.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Sanctus (Hymn 568):

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest....*

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Table and Agnus Dei

Bread of Life (Please partake of bread
Cup of Salvation and cup when served.)

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*Benediction

Flint Scottish Pipe Band

PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the
service of worship. Elder Barbara Horcha will assist after the service.

The Flowers Are Given To The Glory Of God

*Donations to the Flower Memorial Fund are used to maintain fresh arrange-
ments for the urns in the Sanctuary and for the Fellowship Tables in the
Narthex. They are delivered each week by the Deacons to shut-ins and those
celebrating their birthday.*

In loving memory of Dorathea and Harold Martlew, Jr. by their children
and families.

In loving memory of Philip E. Gage by Ruth, and Philip and Paul and their
families.

In loving memory of Grant Christianson by the Christianson and Ranshaw
families.

~ * Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

*You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for
\$3.00 Or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.*